RURAL DISTRICT of MARKET HARBOROUGH

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THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1971

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VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres 45,670 Rateable Value at 1st April, 1971 £378,419 Sum represented by a Penny Rate £3627.20	No. of occupied houses 4,095 No. of houses owned by the Council 721 Population (mid 1971) 11,850

Births

Live births: Legitimate:

Male:	90
Female:	74
Total:	164

Illegitimate:

Male:	6
Female:	5
Total:	11

Total live births:

Male:	96
Female:	79
Total:	175

Stillbirths:

Male:	4
Female:	1
Total:	5

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 14.8

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total births 28

Deaths

Deaths: All causes

Male:	66
Female:	74
Total:	140

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:

Male:	2
Female:	-
Total:	2

Infant mortality rate per 1,000live births: 11

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population 11.8

Cause of Death	1971		
	Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, oesophagus	2	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, intestine	1	6	7
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, prostate	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasm	3	3	6
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1	2
Other Endocrine diseases	-	1	1
Anaemias	-	2	2
Multiple Sclerosis	1	1	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive disease	-	2	2
Ischaemic Heart disease	18	18	36
Other forms of Heart disease	6	6	12
Cerebrovascular disease	7	13	20
Other diseases of Circulatory System	4	4	8
Pneumonia	2	2	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema	3	1	4
Other diseases of Respiratory System	-	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1
Appendicitis	1	-	1
Cirrhosis of the Liver	-	1	1
Other diseases of the Digestive System	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Other diseases of the genito-urinary system	-	1	1
Diseases of the skin	-	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	-	1	1
Birth Injury, difficult labour	2	-	2
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	2	4	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	2	3
All other accidents	1	1	2
Suicide	2	-	2
Total deaths, all causes	66	74	140

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

TUBERCULOSIS

There were no deaths recorded as due to this disease.

No new case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis was notified.

OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

The following cases of infectious disease were notified:-

Measles	.....	36
Meningitis	.....	1
Scarlet fever	.....	1
Dysentery	.....	1
Infective hepatitis	.....	2

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS

No action was taken during the year.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

For the following information I am indebted to Mr. R. W. Turner, Chief Public Health Inspector, whose work during the year under review it represents.

WATER SUPPLY

Main water supplies remain consistently good. All parishes have a piped supply.

4112 dwelling houses have an internal supply. 35 houses have external standpipes, whilst 28 houses still rely on wells and expose a population of 52 to some risk.

Six wells were closed during the year.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The district is served by 20 pail closets, and 4175 water closets, the latter discharging into some 24 publicly owned sewage works. In addition there are 273 cesspools.

19 samples of effluent were examined. The quality of most effluents conforms approximately to requirements.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected at fortnightly intervals by direct labour and disposed of by crude tipping at Husbands Bosworth, Kibworth and Holt. The Kibworth Tip has been specified for the dumping of cars and other refuse as required by the Civic Amenities Act of 1967, and continues to be extensively used for this purpose.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Complaints received during the year	127
Premises concerned	147
Total visits of inspection 1793	

TOTAL NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE

	Inspections
Animal keeping	31
Bakehouses	Nil
Dairies	Nil
Drainage works	215
Dwelling houses	943
Food premises	295
Food poisoning enquiries.....	Nil
Infectious disease enquiries..	31
Rodent control	39
Refuse collection and disposal	73
Schools	3
Shops and offices	56
Slaughterhouse and meat inspection	27
Caravans	41
Water supplies	5
Workplaces	Nil
Other inspections	30
Smoke control	2
Verminous premises	2

NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR

Preliminary	Housing	Public Health
Outstanding on 1. 1. 71.	Nil	Nil
Issued during year	16	33
Complied with during year	16	33
Statutory action necessary	Nil	Nil
Outstanding on 31. 12. 71.	Nil	Nil

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of premises	No. registered	Inspections	Accidents reported	Contraventions		
				Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31. 12. 71.
Offices	4	4	-	-	-	-
Retail shops	22	20	-	-	-	-
Wholesale shops &c.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering estabs. open to public, canteens	14	28	-	-	-	-
Fuel storage depots	2	4	-	-	-	-
Totals:	42	56	-	-	-	-

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Treatment of sewers and tips was carried out by a contractor assisted by Council workmen under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors. 68 infestations were dealt with, necessitating 39 visits.

Refuse tips were disinfested four times. Sewer treatment was carried out in May and November.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

No case of infestation in Council property was reported.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1961

No site licences were issued.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951, and
RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no premises affected by the operation of these Acts.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Two premises are licensed. Six inspections were made.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

No defects were found during the year.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

No formal action was taken during the year.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

One complaint was received during the year and is receiving attention.

FACTORIES ACTS

Factories concerned in the operation of these Acts	.....	50
Other premises	.....	14
Inspections made	.....	129
Contraventions found	.....	Nil
Number of outworkers	.....	45

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

Premises inspected	.....	79
Visits made for this purpose	.....	235
Informal Notices served	.....	10
Informal Notices complied with	.....	10

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966

Stallholders complying with Regulations	.....	14
Delivery Vehicles complying with Regulations	.....	10

ICE CREAM

46 premises are registered for the retail sale of ice cream.

MILK: DAIRIES AND DISTRIBUTORS

		Distributors
Number on Register	.....	9
Inspections made	.....	10

MILK SAMPLING

No action was necessary during 1971.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There is one licensed slaughterhouse in the area.

Animals slaughtered during 1971	.....	84
Animals examined at time of slaughter	.....	84
Inspection of meat shops etc.,	.....	48
Inspection of places where food other than meat is kept or prepared for sale	.....	12

The results of examinations are shown in the following table:-

	Pigs	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs
Number killed (if known)	-	-	-	-	84
Number inspected	-	-	-	-	84

No disease was found.

HOUSING

1. New Houses

Number of applications for council houses at the end of the year	240
Applications received during the year...	67
Programme of new council houses:	
Erected during the year	Nil
Under construction at the end of the year	Nil
Number of houses erected during the year by private enterprise	95
Number of houses in course of construction at the end of the year by private enterprise	210
Total number of post-war houses completed by:	
a) Local Authority	498
b) Private enterprise	1081

2. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year

a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects.....	52
Number of inspections made for the purpose	206
b) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil

3. Repairs

Houses rendered fit after informal action	52

4. Housing Act, 1957

	No. of houses	Persons displaced
Houses demolished	3	Nil
Houses closed	Nil	Nil

5. Housing Acts, 1949 - 1969

27 applications for Improvement Grants were received in 1971. All of these were approved at 50% of the approved cost of works. 8 of the applications approved related to rented property. 22 houses were so improved during the year.

6. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

17 owner/occupiers applied for Standard Grants as did a further 8 owners of rented property.
18 properties were so improved during the year.